BELGIANS ARE GRATEFUL

Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Stricken

People, Writes Touching

Letter of Thanks.

SUFFERING STILL IS GREAT

Its American Benefactors.

open hand to beg.

COMPLETE SPONTANEITY

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JAPANESE LINER SUNK AND NO WARNING GIVEN

Yasaka Maru Falls Victim to Submarine Near Port Said, All Pas-

sengers Escaping. ONE AMERICAN ABOARD SHIP

German or Austrian Submarine Said to Have Sent Vessel to Bottom. Feared by Washington That Whole Controversy May Be Reopened.

LONDON, December 23 .- The new apanese liner Yasaka Maru, sunk in the Eastern Mediterranean on Tuesday a submarine while the steamer was n her way from London to Japan with passengers and a crew of 160 d, was sent to the bottom without varning, according to a report received Port Said, from the owners as All of those aboard the ship. uding one American passenger, W J. Leigh, were saved. The nationality of the submarine was not mentioned. Previous reports referred to the sinking of the ship as done by either an Austrian or a German submersible.

The Yasaka Maru was sunk on Tues-day afternoon. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said on Wednesday morning. The com-pany provided hotel accommodations for them and is arranging to forward them to their destinations. On the passenger list were fifty-one men, fifty-four women and fifteen children, most

"The passengers express great ad-miration for the skill of the captain and officers and for the discipline of the crew. Perfect order was main-tained during the embarkation, which was carried out with the greatest was carried out with the greatest

TOKYO GREATLY EXCITED BY SINKING OF STEAMER TOKYO, December 23 - News of the

sinking of the Yasaka Maru reached Tokyo to-day, and caused great ex-citement. The advices received here say the steam-hip was sunk by a sub-marine near Port Said.

OF WHOLE CONTROVERSY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch] WASHINGTON, December 23.—Fol-lowing the receipt to-day of advices that the Japanese liber Yasaka Maru, with an American citizen aboard, was sunk by a submarine in the Mediter-ranean, the State Department instituted prompt inquiries to learn the facts from official sources. A report is awaited from Ambassador Page at London before official action is taken

"BOBBY" GOOCH AT FRONT

Former University of Virginia Football Star Joins American Ambulance in France.

PARIS, December 23.—Robert Gooch, of Charlottes ille, Va., and J. Liles their needs. Glenn, of North Carolina, are among the thirteen Rhodes scholars from Oxof volunteer drivers at the front,

In the ambulance work was W. J. disability is liable to ensue McConnell, of North Carolina, who has oined the French aviation corps. He couples who have lived together in has been decorated with the War Cross. hundred American drivers will spend their first Christmas at the front. Cranberry sauce and plum pudding for noble institutions whice care for such sent to-day from Paris.

ALLEGED SLAYERS HELD

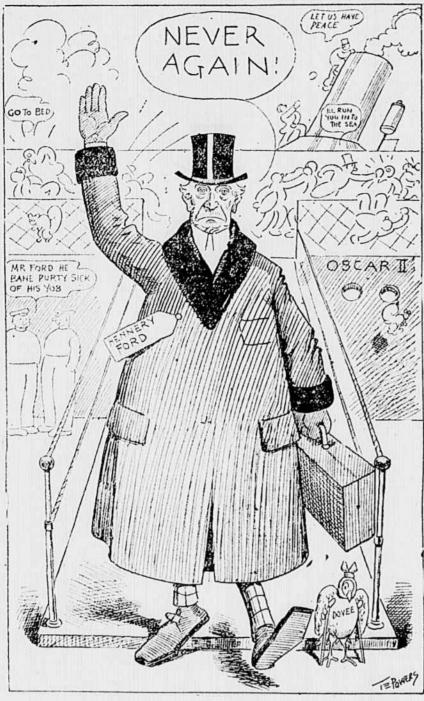
PITTSBURGH, December 23,-William McClure and Joseph White, arrested in connection with the murder Mrs. Carolina Flacus Viehmier, wealthy widow, were committed to jail here to-day to await the outcome of the coroner's inquest, McClure was arrested here yesterday, after word all the contributors to these Five Ophad been received that White had been portunities that the blessing of the taken into custody at Port Royal, S. C., recipients shall follow them not only on Tuesday

According to the police, the aged woman was slain when the men failed that we again acknowledge the worthy in an attempt to extort \$50 from her. White, the police claim, admitted striking the blow which killed her.

Shot While at School.

Edwin Mallory, the twelve-year-old schoolboy who was shot in the wrist at Elba School several days ago by another boy, said to be Mozart Garta-rine, fifteen years old, was reported rine, fifteen years old, was reported as doing well at St. Elizabeth's Hospians doing well at St. Elizabeth's Hospians tal last night. The shooting is said to have been accidental.

Enough Is Enough!



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POLITICIANS BARRED FROM RESERVE BANKS

stood to have been taken without extended discussion, the resolution being among the projects favorably reconcered during the election of Class C directors of reserve banks, a task that the following:

Was not completed when the session was not completed when the session and all later it was said that the actual control of the following waterway, Beufort, St. 14,400,000; Cum
Tennessen River at Muscles Shoals, what they would gain in following your footsteps.

WILL KEEP THEIR EYES

vation of child life and proper direction of their energies make for the building of character and personal efficiency in life. We are happy to be able to say that others seeing the Opportunities as described in The Times-Dispatch have volunteered to take Texas, \$455,000. other such cases and care for them by the year, assuming responsibility for

many cases the Associated Charities for distribution among the station ford University who have taken places has to deal with during the year, where, American ambulance through broken health and lack of graph operators at Tarrytown and front.

Opportunity No. 4 represents married honorable wedlock, who are unwilling to receive institutional care, as it ineach, provided by James H. Hyde, was individuals singly, but no provision is made for old couples to spend the remaining years of life together, even when the earning capacity is not wholly diminished.

The Associated Charities appreciates the educational value of the Five Opportunities, showing the public the needs that must be met by them in the summer months as well as during the Christmas season.

We assure The Times-Dispatch and at this holiday season, but all during the year. It is with great pleasure efforts of The Times-Dispatch and the liberality of the donors. Thanking

Sincerely yours, ASSOCIATED CHARITIES, James Buchanan, General Secretary.

Mrs. J. E. Nogus, of Dendron, Va., who was operated on Wednesday at St. Elizabeth's Hospital by Dr. J. S. Hors-

their feet from dampness. PLAN TO SPEND MONEY DESPITE ECONOMY PLEA

All Public Office-Holders Are Incligi- Committees Are Going Ahead With

atter it was said that the ac- \$18,701,000; waterway, Beufort, St. your footsteps, not aimed particularly at any Johns River, Florida, \$14,400,000; Cumpor at any director or officer berland River above Nashville, \$4,500. HOLK APTER ATTACK
INDICATED ATTACK
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The solved further that copies of this resolution be sent to every member to be substinuitated, at least to an extent that would give the Austrian government grounds for reiterating the argument made in its admiralty statement.

Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, made every effort to-day to IS NOW COMPLETE

Vannah. \$100,000; Savannah harbor, Ga...

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Fla... \$47,000; Caloosahatchee River,

Fla... \$47,000; Crystal River, Fla... \$10,000;

Value River Fla... \$22,000; Roca Ceign Viscount Chinds, the Japanese ambassador, made every effort to-day to obtain the details of the sinking of the Yasaka Maru. He was closeted with Secretary Lansing for some time, but said he had not been able to obtain efficial confirmation of the vessel's loss, either from his own government or from the State Department.

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> Plays Role of Santa Claus. heir needs.
> Opportunity No. 1 is typical of the Mrs. Finley J. Shepard played Santa She sent \$10 gold pieces

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"SOMETHING SERIOUS" IN LOSS OF VESSEL

FOR THIS COUNTRY'S AID Further Until He Sees

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 23. Rescued from the waterlogged, mastless hulk of the schooner Grace Seymour, about 175 miles west of the Irish Will Keep Its Eyes Turned Toward arrived here to-night from Lewes, Mercier, the primate of Belgium, has the schooner had started on her voyage, day on the steamship Rotterdam. and gale followed gale.

port the rudder seam was found to be entire country evacuated by the Rus "I understand you have so kindly leaking badly. Pumps were worked sians there was hardly a habitable addressed anew an appeal to the gene. night and day until the supply of gaso-building standing. rosity of your countrymen to provide line was exhausted, and it was necesclothing for our so painfully destitute sary to pump by hand, in order to pre- The temperature was below zero, and people. I confess I had much preferred to shake hands with my American to shake hands with my American the open seams in the hull. Finally, brothers in token of thankfulness for in spite of these efforts, the vessel be- without adequate clothing, standing for came waterlogged, and on the morning hours in the cold wind awaiting their of December 4 it was necessary to cut turns at the food-distributing centers we should again stretch to them the IN COUNTRY'S HELP aboard Captain Pennewell and his crew.

"Your country has already done so The Grace Seymour was a threenuch for us; it has given us much in masted schooner of about 500 tons, and food and, above all, in personal co- was owned by Howard Compton, of operation for our economic rehabilita- Leesburg, N. J. She had been used for tion; it brings us this help with such coastwise trade until this voyage, when moving and complete spontane-ty extensive repairs were made in prepathat we have long desired to convey ration for the trip to France.

to your people a full expression of When asked whether anything begratitude, untarnished by renewed appoint the heavy weather had conpeals to their generous impulses. But tributed to the opening of the vessel's you yourself, dear friend, invoke us to seams. Mate Wright declared that he appease our scruples, and therefore I, would not talk until he had seen the knowing better than any one the desti- owners. "I found something mighty tution of our Belgian people, should serious," he added, but refused to exfeel myself traitor to my duty as their plain what this remark meant.

ing of national pride, I should refrain DANIELS MAY PUBLISH from also pleading for those who are **FULL REPORT OF BOARD**

eyes when, crossing the street in Malines, I met a party of strong, honest workmen with stooping heads, their eyes fixed on new clogs. These men were habituated to the support of wives and habituated to the support of wives and from that calculation in the past. had been for fifteen months without NAVY OFFICIALS UNWILLING

TO DISCUSS BOARD'S POLICY work. The last of their savings are While navy officials are unwilling to and the relief committee had distributed discuss the board's statement of policy among them some clogs, with the in- in advance of its publication, it is instruction to use the leather rags from dicated that the possibility that the the worn-out shoes as linings to keep United States might be called upon to meet enemies in both the Atlantic and "You Americans who prize highly the Pacific Oceans simultaneously was convalue of labor and so possess the nat- sidered in reaching a conclusion. The eral impulse of earning comfort and first year's building alone, under the success by your own exertions, will program, it is reported, would equal the

Directors.

WASHINGTON, December 23—Public office-holders and members of political party committees are made ineligible spite pleas of party leaders for the plant of the plan arting by a submarine, flying the crown flag, as reported in some pressuant flower of the feelings and the controvers with Germany flowers and the controvers with Germany flowers and better that no more thank of the light of these pledges would be to pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would be to pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would be to pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would be to pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would be to pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would be to pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would be to pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would light be the pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would light be the pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would light be the pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would light be the pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would light be the pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would light be the pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would like the pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would like the pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would like the pedoed without carriage in the light of these pledges would like the proposed in the name of the linest of the fleving of th

Millions Depend on Soup Kitchens

Poland Is Starving, and If Help Does Not Come, Thousands Must Die.

from New York for Rouen, France, than 4,360,000 of the population of Po- censed lady is unjustly atta-Churchman Says That When Time with a cargo of oil, Captain Pennewell, land are destitute and entirely de- a of Reconstruction Comes Belgium Mate Wright and the crew of five men pendent upon soup kitchens, where of time a monstrous claim arrived here to-night from Lewes, where they were landed to-day from daily, according to William H. Hamilin instance is of the most inadequate and nebulous kind." weather was encountered soon after Committee, who reached New York to-Hamilton added that he had traveled Three weeks after the vessel had left from Alexandria to Warsaw, and in the

"I was in Warsaw two weeks ago away all three masts. Five hours later in Warsaw alone it is estimated that the big Greek steamer appeared in 75,000 people are destitute, and unless answer to signals of distress, and took relief reaches them soon the majority will not be alive when spring comes

no food or clothing to be purchased. I am going to urge my committee to to induce the British to relax their blockade sufficiently to allow at least Poland each month. I have assurances that the Germans will do what they

UFFRAGISTS LOSE FORTUNE LEFT THEM BY MRS. LESLIE

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